

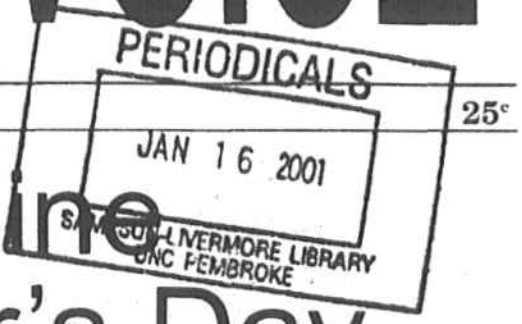
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Rev. Mike Cummings to Headline Campbell University's Founder's Day

The Reverend Michael Cummings, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) and director of missions for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, will deliver the address at the annual Founder's Day ceremony at Campbell University. The ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 11:00 a.m. in Turner Auditorium of the D. Rich Building on the Campbell campus.

A celebration of Campbell's progress since its establishment in 1887, Founder's Day commemorates the contributions of founder and first president Dr. James Archibald Campbell and presidents Dr. Leslie H. Campbell and Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins.

"This is a historic time as we celebrate 115 years of providing Christian higher education," said Doug Jones, assistant vice-president of Alumni Relations. "We celebrate this momentous occasion by remembering our historic partnership with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and are honored to have its leader as our keynote speaker."

Cummings has also made significant contributions to Baptist life in North Carolina. The eighth of 12 children born to a Native American family in Robeson County, Cummings has been a pastor for 19 years. He

became director of missions for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in 1988, one of the oldest Indian institutions in the state, and went on to become vice-president of the BSCNC in 1997. Cummings became president of the Convention in 1999, filling the unexpired term of President Mac Brunson, and then being elected in his own right. As president of the BSCNC, Cummings has worked to provide greater unity among the 3,800 member churches that comprise the organization.

In 1985, Cummings was named Lumbee Indian of the Year and in 1999, received one of Campbell University's highest honors, the Presidential Medallion. Cummings was a member of the first Robeson County Commission on Human Relations and has served as a board member of the North Carolina School of Science and Math. He has also served as chaplain for Pemberton Hospice. He will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the Founder's Day ceremony, and Campbell benefactors Thomas Franklin Lanier, Class of '53, and Henry Forest Britt, Class of '62, will receive the Alumni Service Award.

The Honorable John M. Tyson, judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and president of Campbell's National Alumni Association, will

present the Alumni Service Awards to Lanier and Britt. Tyson is the first graduate of Campbell's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law to serve on the state appeals court.

Dr. Wayne Wike, executive director of the Council on Christian Higher Education of the BSCNC, will bring greetings from the Convention, and Dr. Jerry M. Wallace, vice president for academic affairs and provost, will introduce special guests.

The Invocation will be delivered by Dr. Michael G. Cogdill, dean of the Divinity School, and the benediction will be delivered by the Reverend Mark Gaskins, pastor of the Fairmont First Baptist Church and member of the Alumni Board of Directors. Special music will be performed by the Campbell University Choir under the direction of Dr. Phillip Morrow.

Founded in 1887, Campbell University is North Carolina's second largest private institution and the second largest Baptist university in the world. Located in Buies Creek, NC, just east of the center of the state, Campbell combines academic excellence and Christian commitment.



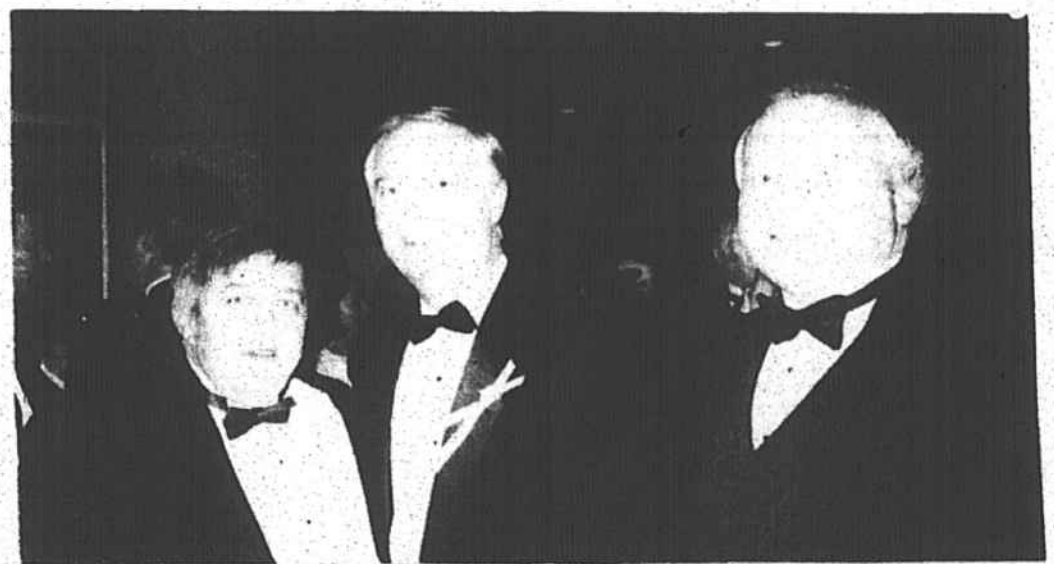
Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Julia Thelma Revels Hammonds celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family at Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation Center in Pembroke on the 9th day of January 2001. A cake with a representation of her ninety years was presented to her. Sheriff Glenn Maynor was in attendance to join in the celebration. Her children who live in the area, Alice Faye Hammonds Schneider, Erle Ray Hammonds, and Priscilla Ann Hammonds, her youngest grandchild, planned the celebration. Mrs. Hammonds' family also includes Doshia Lee Hammonds Sheffield of Roseville, MI; Vance Erle Hammonds of Hickory, NC; and Hollis Dean Hammonds of Warren, MI. Mrs. Hammonds has been blessed with 20 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Power Wheel Chairs Available for Seniors

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65yrs. old & up) and the Permanently Disable at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required. If your need is for use in your home please call for more information to see if you qualify. Call toll free, Leo Johnson at 1-800-246-6010.



New Lumbee Chairman Milton Hunt attends Governor's Inauguration

Shown left is the newly elected Lumbee Tribal Chairman, Milton Hunt with Governor Mike Easley and Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings. Both Hunt and Cummings were among those who attended inaugural celebrations in Raleigh for Governor Easley. Hunt also serves as Mayor of the Town of Pembroke. He was the only Lumbee Indian seated at the podium with North Carolina's new governor, Mike Easley.



Lumbee Tribal Government officials to be sworn in Jan. 13

The officers of the Lumbee Tribal Government will be sworn in Saturday, January 13 at the Southeastern Farmers Market on Highway 74, Lumberton, NC. The doors open at 6:00 pm for the public. The swearing in ceremony is expected to begin at 6:45 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

SRMC selects two new board members

Lucky Welsh, president of Southeastern Regional Medical Center, and Randy Rust, chairman of the SRMC Board of Trustees, have announced the election of two new members to that board, Randall S. Jones and Martin L. Brooks, MD, both of Pembroke.

Dr. Brooks has practiced family medicine in Pembroke since July 1, 1958, during which time he has been a member of the medical staff of SRMC. For 12 years during his career, he was the only physician practicing in Pembroke.

Although Dr. Brooks was born in Detroit, Mich., his parents, Peter and Attie Brooks, were natives of Robeson County. At the age of 5 years, he returned to the Robeson County and lived here until he went back to Michigan to finish high school in the 11th grade. He earned a medical technology degree from the University of Michigan and a medical degree there in 1957.

Dr. Brooks has been active in his community, serving on the Board of Trustees of UNC-Pembroke, the NC Board of Governors for Higher Education, and as vice-chairman of the Lumbee Guaranty Bank for the past 25 years.

He is the father of six children, four daughters and two sons, one of whom, Michael, is also a physician practicing in Pembroke.

"I look forward to this new challenge in one that I anticipate as being a labor of love," Brooks said. "SRMC is entering a growth phase, and the

time has come to move into a bigger physical plant."

For the past 20 years, Jones has been associated with the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation where he now serves as director of industrial and commercial retention. He has been a member of the SRMC Foundation Board since 1998.

A native of Laurinburg, he earned his undergraduate degree from UNC-Pembroke. He is active in civic affairs, serving on the steering committee of the Robeson County Partnership for Community Health, as a county delegate to the Governor's Summit on Volunteerism, and on the executive board of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of the Fayetteville Home Builders Association, the Robeson County Plant Managers Association, the Robeson County Planning Board and both the alumni board and advisory council of UNC-Pembroke.

Jones and his wife, the former Diane Oxendine, have two sons, Channing and David. They are members of Calvary Way Baptist Church where Jones serves as a Sunday School teacher.

In addition to Chairman Randy Rust, the other members of the SRMC Board of Trustees, are: Katrina Locklear, John Rozier, Jr., MD, Joseph Thompson, Al Lewis, David Walker, Bob Andrews, MD, John Barker, John Staton, Fred Williams, W.C. Washington, and Allen Meadors.

Annual Chamber Dinner slated for January 20

The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner will be held Saturday, January 20, in the Chavis University Center at UNCP.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Chancellor's Dining Room. Dinner follows in the main cafeteria.

Charlotte businessman and Pembroke native Dennis Lowery is the keynote speaker.

All Chamber members are encouraged to attend.

"We also invite non-Chamber members to join us at the annual dinner and check us out," said PACC President Don Gersh.

"The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote the general welfare of the area and the quality of life for all through sound economic development," Gersh added.

The Chamber will announce its Business of the Year.

"I have the honor of presenting the Harry West Locklear President's Award for exemplary service to a deserving Chamber volunteer," Gersh said. "We will also present the new executive board."

Ben Jacobs, LRDA, will replace Gersh as the PACC president. Gersh has been with UNCP for more than six years.

Vice president and secretary Brian Brooks, Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt and Brooks, Attorneys at Law, will be replaced by Teresa O. Cummings, UNCP, as vice president and Angie

Revels, Pembroke Drug Center/TLC Home Health Care, as secretary.

Since 1997, Chamber officers serve a two-year term.

Ernestine Chavis Bulifant will step down as executive director as well. Brian Brooks has agreed to serving in this capacity.

The Chamber will recognize the Business of the Year for 2001. Previous recipients of this honor are: Locklear and Son Funeral Home, Pembroke Hardware Company, Inc.; Pembroke Tire Services, Pates Supply Company and Lumbee Guaranty Bank.

Last year the Chamber awarded its first Harry West Locklear President's Award. Named after the Chamber's first president, the award is presented to the top volunteer.

It is called the President's Award because the Chamber president selects the recipient.

The inaugural award went to executive director Ernestine Chavis Bulifant.

"It is an honor for me to present the award again this year," Gersh said. "But it is a secret, only to be revealed during the annual dinner."

Individual tickets are \$22.50 each. Corporate tables for six are \$150 and must be reserved. For tickets, reservations or billing information, please contact: Don Gersh 521-6330; Brian Brooks 521-3413; Bob Reising 521-6485; Ernestine Bulifant 521-1101; or the Chamber Office 521-0647.

Blood Drive for Eagle Scout Service Project

Chase Edward Locklear, seventeen-year-old senior at Purnell Swett High School, and a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 322 of Pembroke, NC, is organizing a blood drive for his final service project to his community, region, state and nation to become an Eagle Scout.

The blood drive, which will be conducted by the American Red Cross, is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2001, from 9 am until 3 pm, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) at 1009 Old Main Road in Pembroke, NC, across the railroad tracks from Pizza Hut. Anyone interested in being a blood donor is encouraged to come by. Chase is contacting family and friends to sign up.

This young man has been involved with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America through the LDS Church since the age of eight. He has served not only in various leadership positions in the Scouting program, presently Senior Patrol Leader and Order of the Arrow, but also in the church.

Indian Education Committee to Conduct Public Hearing

The Title IX Indian Education Parent Committee of the Public Schools of Robeson County will conduct a public hearing on January 16, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Indian Education Center in Pembroke.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to recommend activities for the next five-year Indian Education Project Application.

Respectfully, Margaret H. Chavis, Director Indian Education

Latter-day Saints places much emphasis on the development of its youth -- both young men and young women. The youth are given every opportunity to develop leadership skills in many areas, especially spiritual. Chase is presently completing his fourth and last year of the Church Seminary Program. Every school day, he attends early morning seminary before school. This has given him the opportunity to study and be taught the scriptures so he can be better prepared spiritually to face the challenges of high school and day-to-day life.

His present goals are to become an Eagle Scout, graduate from high school in May of this year, attend college for one year, serve as a Missionary for two years with the LDS Church, and then return home to the Prospect Community and finish college.

Chase is the son of Gale Chavis Locklear of Prospect and Ronald Dean Locklear of Red Banks. He resides with his mother and family in the Prospect Community.